Opening of Petrol/Diesel Retail Outlets in Barabanki District of UP

2374. SHRI RAM SAGAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the areas in Barabanki district of Uttar Pradesh where the Government propose to open petrol and diesel retail outlets and LPG agencies during the current year;

(b) whether any survey has been made in this regard; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) to (c) Two retails outlets are planned to be opened in Barabanki-one each at Dewas and Barabanki.

[*Translation*]

National Cooperative Bank

2375. SHRI ARVIND NETAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a National Co-operative Bank;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the bank is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies has received a proposal for registration of National Cooperative Bank of India under Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 1984 and the Rules thereunder from National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI), the Chief Promoters. The proposal is for setting up of a cooperative bank at National level with the membership of state level Bank, National Federation of Cooperative Banks and urban cooperative banks. The objective of the proposed bank is to serve as balancing centre for cooperative banking institutions in the country by mobilising surplus funds from the cooperative sector and to invest them in other sectors of cooperatives.

(c) Reserve Bank of India, prima facie, has not agreed to the proposal in view of their doubt about the viability of the proposed Bank. It has also been opined that for setting up of the proposed Bank, amendment to the Banking Regulations Act will also be necessary.

The proposal for registration of the NCBI is now under examination in the context of the views of RBI.

[*English*]

Drip Irrigation

2376. DR. VASAN NIWRUTTI PAWAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the area covered under drip irrigation, State-wise;

(b) the details of steps being taken for encouraging and popularising the system;

(c) the details of subsidy provided for this purpose to various States during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise.

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) the area covered under drip